Roads in Uttar Pradesh

†465. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Jaunpur-Azamgarh-Doharighat segment of the road between Allahabad and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh is badly damaged;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken for repairing and widening of the said road between Allahabad-Jaunpur-Azamgarh-Doharighat; and

(c) by when Government would complete the repair and widening work of the above said road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Allahabad-Jaunpur-Azamgarh-Doharighat segment of the road between Allahabad to Gorakhpur is a State road. The development and maintenance of this segment of the road is the responsibility of the State Government. This Ministry is responsible only for maintenance and development of the National Highways and this segment of road is not National Highway.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

†466. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Golden Quadrilateral Scheme was introduced to connect major cities of the country;

(b) the length of roads in kms. proposed to be constructed under this scheme across the country;

(c) the length of roads in kms. constructed in persuance of the said proposal during the last three-years and by when the rest of the roads would be constructed;

(d) what is the source of mobilising funds for the said roads; and

(e) the funds utilised so far and the additional funds required for the same?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) component of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) consists of 4/6 laning of the National Highways connecting the four major metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

(b) The length of roads covered under GQ is 5846 kms.

(c) Length of roads 4/6 laned under GQ during the last three years up to March 2004 is 1845 Kms. Substantial completion of the project is targeted by December, 2004. The entire project is likely to be completed in 2005 except Allahabad bypass.

(d) The financial plan of NHDP Phase I and other projects approved by Government of India is Rs. 30,300 crores (at 1999 prices) which includes Rs. 25,055 crores for the GQ from following sources:

(i) Cess/Market Borrowings	-	15,557.00 crore
(ii) External Assistance	-	7,450.00 crore
(iii) Share of Private Sector	-	2,048.00 crore

(e) The expenditure incurred so far (upto June 2004) on GQ projects is Rs. 17,407.31 crores. Additional requirement of funds for completion of GQ is expected to be met within approved allocation of funds.

Assistance for improvement of roads in Himachal Pradesh

†467. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Himachal Pradesh have requested for economic assistance by submitting estimate as per directions of the Ministry for improvement and upgradation of certain important and major roads under Central Road Fund (CRF) during the last two years;

(b) if so, when was the proposal made and the names of such roads; and

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